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For: Human Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor-Like
Proteins TR11, TR11SV1, and TR11SV2

**STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS REGARDING PERMANENCE AND
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Sir:

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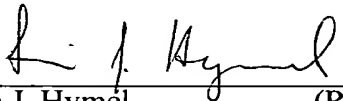
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Respectfully submitted,

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